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REPORT OF ROBERT OULD.

RICHMOND, Va., April 13th, 1863.

Hon. JAS. A. SEDDON, *Secretary of War:*

Sir: In the matter of the resolution of the House of Representatives relating to Dr. Jos. E. Dixon, I have the honor to make the following report:

His case was brought specially to the attention of the Federal agent of exchange more than two months ago, and just as soon as the fact of his confinement came to my knowledge. The agent promised to enquire into the matter and effect his release. At a subsequent interview the agent stated that Surgeon Dixon was charged as being a spy, and had been and was held as such; that after his unconditional release he was found at a place within Federal lines, not in the line of his proper route, and under circumstances calculated to excite suspicion. I represented to him the true state of the case, and I believe satisfied him that the suspicion was unjust. I was enabled to do this very fully from the information kindly furnished to me some time ago, by the Hon. Geo. W. Jones, Representative from Tennessee. I gave the Federal agent a memorandum explaining the whole matter, which he promised to use in the doctor's behalf. Since then no communication has passed between us relating to the subject. I have but little doubt, however, that the doctor will shortly be returned to his friends.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

RO. OULD,
Agent of exchange.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., April 18, 1863.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, in response to your resolution of the 4th instant, relative to the case of Surgeon J. E. Dixon, a prisoner at Johnson's island.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
War Department,
Richmond, Va., April 14, 1863.

His Excellency, the PRESIDENT:

SIR: In response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed on the 4th instant, I have the honor to submit a report from Robert Ould, Esq., agent of exchange, relative to the case of Surgeon J. E. Dixon, a prisoner at Johnson's island.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

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